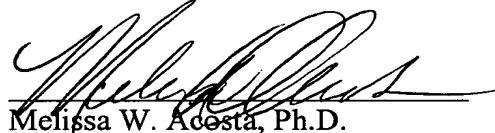


**REMARKS**

Entry of the amendments to the claims before examination of the application is respectfully requested. The claims have been amended for the sake of clarity. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge any required fees to the Deposit Account No. 06-2375, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,



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